

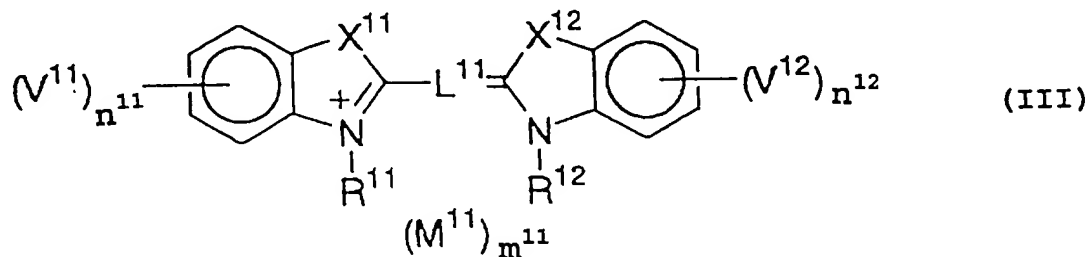
wherein R¹ and R² each represents a substituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group, and R¹ is substituted with -SO₃H and R² is substituted with a dissociable group other than -SO₃H; Y¹ and Y² each represents an atomic group necessary to form a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring, and Y¹ and Y² may be condensed with other carbocyclic ring or heterocyclic ring; V¹ and V² each represents a substituent; n¹ and n² each represents an integer of 0 or more (preferably 6 or less, more preferably 2 or less), and when n¹ and n² each represents 2 or more, V¹ and V² may be the same with or different from each other; L¹, L², L³, L⁴, L⁵, L⁶ and L⁷ each represents a methine group; p¹ represents 0, 1, 2 or 3, p² and p³ each represents 0 or 1, and when p¹ represents 2 or 3, repeating L² and L³ may be the same with or different from each other; M¹ represents a counter ion; and m¹ represents a number of 0 or more necessary to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule.

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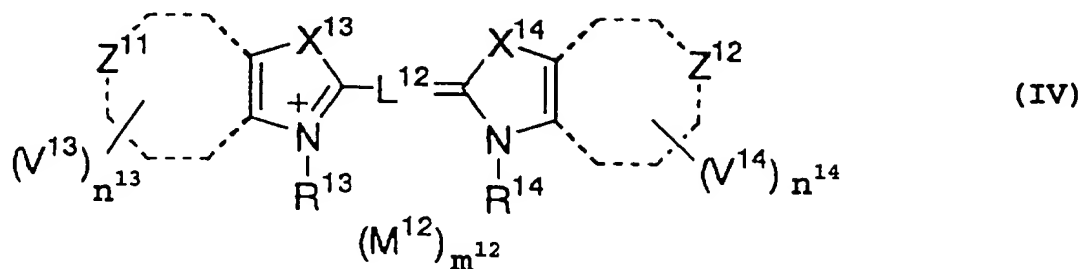
(5) The silver halide photographic emulsion as described in the above item

(1), (2), (3) or (4), wherein at least one sensitizing dye is represented by the following formula (III) and at least one sensitizing dye is represented by formula

(IV):



wherein R^{11} and R^{12} each represents a substituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group, and R^{11} is substituted with $-SO_3H$ and R^{12} is substituted with a dissociable group other than $-SO_3H$; X^{11} and X^{12} each represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, NR^{15} , $CR^{16}R^{17}$, or $L^{13}=L^{14}$; R^{15} , R^{16} and R^{17} each represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group; L^{13} and L^{14} each represents a methine group; V^{11} and V^{12} each represents a substituent; n^{11} and n^{12} each represents an integer of 0 or more (preferably 4 or less, more preferably 2 or less), and when n^{11} and n^{12} each represents 2 or more, V^{11} and V^{12} may be the same with or different from each other; L^{11} represents a methine group; M^{11} represents a counter ion; and m^{11} represents a number of 0 or more necessary to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule;



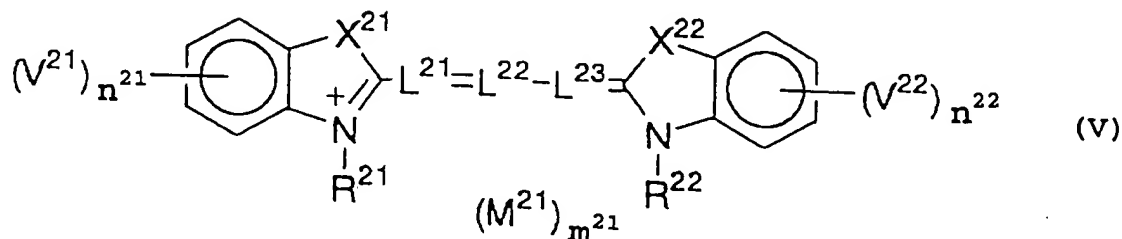
wherein R^{13} and R^{14} each represents a substituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group, and at least one of R^{13} and R^{14} is substituted with $-SO_3H$ and the other is substituted with a dissociable group other than $-SO_3H$; X^{13} and X^{14} each represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, NR^{18} , $CR^{19}R^{20}$, or $L^{15}=L^{16}$; R^{18} , R^{19} and R^{20} each represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group; L^{15} and L^{16} each represents a methine group; Z^{11} represents a benzene ring or a naphthalene ring; Z^{12} represents a naphthalene ring; V^{13} and V^{14} each represents a substituent; n^{13} and n^{14} each represents an integer of 0 or more (n^{13} represents preferably 4 or less, more preferably 2 or less, and n^{14} represents preferably 6 or less, more preferably 2 or less), and when n^{13} and n^{14} each represents 2 or more, V^{13} and V^{14} may be the same with or different from each other; L^{12} represents a methine group; M^{12} represents a counter ion; and m^{12} represents a number of 0 or more necessary to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule.

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and replace with:**

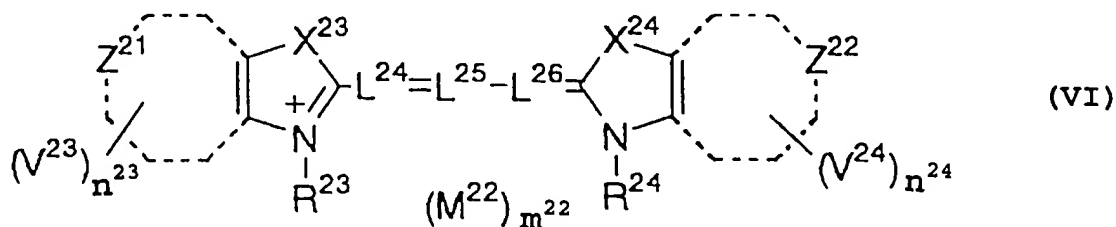
(7) The silver halide photographic emulsion as described in the above item

(1), (2), (3) or (4), wherein at least one sensitizing dye is represented by the

following formula (V) and at least one sensitizing dye is represented by formula (VI):



wherein R^{21} and R^{22} each represents a substituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group, and at least one of R^{21} and R^{22} is substituted with $-SO_3H$ and the other is substituted with a dissociable group other than $-SO_3H$; X^{21} and X^{22} each represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, NR^{25} , $CR^{26}R^{27}$, or $L^{27}=L^{28}$; R^{25} , R^{26} and R^{27} each represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group; L^{27} and L^{28} each represents a methine group; V^{21} and V^{22} each represents a substituent; n^{21} and n^{22} each represents an integer of 0 or more (preferably 4 or less, more preferably 2 or less), and when n^{21} and n^{22} each represents 2 or more, V^{21} and V^{22} may be the same with or different from each other; L^{21} , L^{22} and L^{23} each represents a methine group; M^{21} represents a counter ion; and m^{21} represents a number of 0 or more necessary to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule;



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wherein R²³ and R²⁴ each represents a substituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group, and at least one of R²³ and R²⁴ is substituted with -SO₃H and the other is substituted with a dissociable group other than -SO₃H; X²³ and X²⁴ each represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, NR²⁸, CR²⁹R³⁰, or L²⁹=L³⁰; R²⁸, R²⁹ and R³⁰ each represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group; L²⁹ and L³⁰ each represents a methine group; Z²¹ represents a benzene ring or a naphthalene ring; Z²² represents a naphthalene ring; V²³ and V²⁴ each represents a substituent; n²³ and n²⁴ each represents an integer of 0 or more (when Z²¹ represents a benzene ring, n²³ represents 4 or less, preferably 2 or less, and when Z²¹ represents a naphthalene ring, n²³ represents 6 or less, preferably 2 or less, and n²⁴ represents 6 or less, preferably 2 or less), and when n²³ and n²⁴ each represents 2 or more, V²³ and V²⁴ may be the same with or different from each other; L²⁴, L²⁵ and L²⁶ each represents a methine group; M²² represents a counter ion; and m²² represents a number of 0 or more necessary to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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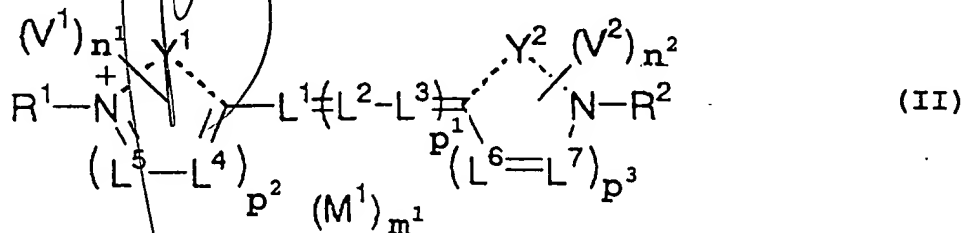
1 (amended). A silver halide photographic emulsion which contains at least two different sensitizing dyes represented by the following formula (I):



wherein Dye represents a dye moiety; A represents a linking group; Q represents a dissociable group; r represents 0 or 1; q represents an integer of 2 or more, provided that at least one Q represents $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ and at least one Q represents a dissociable group other than $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$; M represents a counter ion; and m represents a number of 0 or more necessary to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule, and when m represents 2 or more, M's need not be the same.

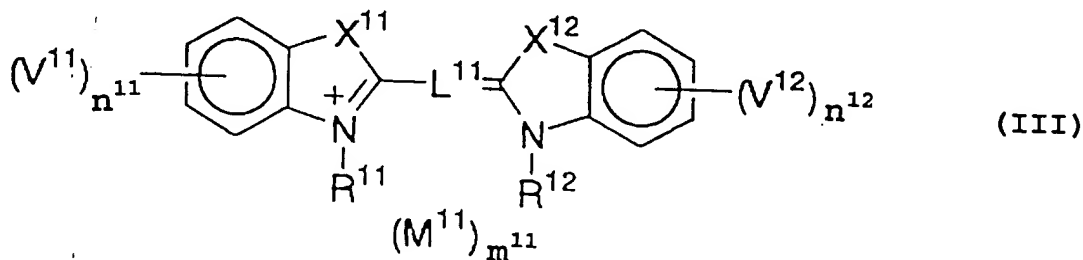
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4 (amended). The silver halide photographic emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein said sensitizing dyes are represented by the following formula (II):

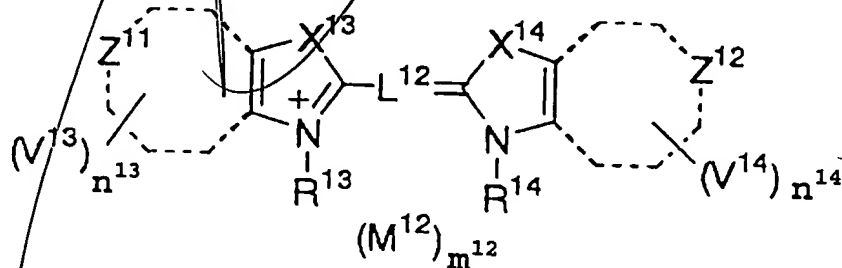


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wherein R¹ and R² each represents a substituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group, and R¹ is substituted with -SO₃H and R² is substituted with a dissociable group other than -SO₃H; Y¹ and Y² each represents an atomic group necessary to form a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring, and Y¹ and Y² may be condensed with other carbocyclic ring or heterocyclic ring; V¹ and V² each represents a substituent; n¹ and n² each represents an integer of 0 or more, and when n¹ and n² each represents 2 or more, V¹ and V² may be the same with or different from each other; L¹, L², L³, L⁴, L⁵, L⁶ and L⁷ each represents a methine group; p¹ represents 0, 1, 2 or 3, p² and p³ each represents 0 or 1, and when p¹ represents 2 or 3, repeating L² and L³ may be the same with or different from each other; M¹ represents a counter ion; and m¹ represents a number of 0 or more necessary to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule.

5 (amended). The silver halide photographic emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one sensitizing dye is represented by the following formula (III) and at least one sensitizing dye is represented by formula (IV):



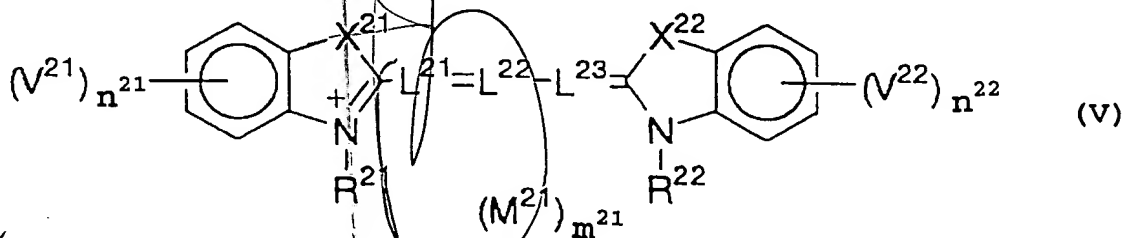
wherein R^{11} and R^{12} each represents a substituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group, and R^{11} is substituted with $-SO_3H$ and R^{12} is substituted with a dissociable group other than $-SO_3H$; X^{11} and X^{12} each represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, NR^{15} , $CR^{16}R^{17}$, or $L^{13}=L^{14}$; R^{15} , R^{16} and R^{17} each represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group; L^{13} and L^{14} each represents a methine group; V^{11} and V^{12} each represents a substituent; n^{11} and n^{12} each represents an integer of 0 or more, and when n^{11} and n^{12} each represents 2 or more, V^{11} and V^{12} may be the same with or different from each other; L^{11} represents a methine group; M^{11} represents a counter ion; and m^{11} represents a number of 0 or more necessary to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule;



wherein R^{13} and R^{14} each represents a substituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group, and at least one of R^{13} and R^{14} is substituted with $-SO_3H$ and the other is substituted with a dissociable group other than $-SO_3H$; X^{13} and X^{14} each represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, NR^{18} , $CR^{19}R^{20}$, or $L^{15}=L^{16}$; R^{18} , R^{19} and R^{20} each represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic

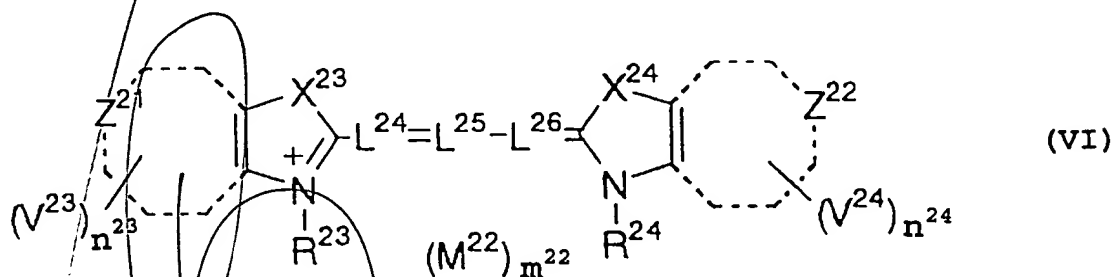
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group; L^{15} and L^{16} each represents a methine group; Z^{11} represents a benzene ring or a naphthalene ring; Z^{12} represents a naphthalene ring; V^{13} and V^{14} each represents a substituent; n^{13} and n^{14} each represents an integer of 0 or more, and when n^{13} and n^{14} each represents 2 or more, V^{13} and V^{14} may be the same with or different from each other; L^{12} represents a methine group; M^{12} represents a counter ion; and m^{12} represents a number of 0 or more necessary to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule.

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7 (amended). The silver halide photographic emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one sensitizing dye is represented by the following formula (V) and at least one sensitizing dye is represented by formula (VI):



wherein R^{21} and R^{22} each represents a substituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group, and at least one of R^{21} and R^{22} is substituted with $-SO_3H$ and the other is substituted with a dissociable group other than $-SO_3H$; X^{21} and X^{22} each represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, NR^{25} , $CR^{26}R^{27}$, or $L^{27}=L^{28}$; R^{25} , R^{26}

and R^{27} each represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group; L^{27} and L^{28} each represents a methine group; V^{21} and V^{22} each represents a substituent; n^{21} and n^{22} each represents an integer of 0 or more, and when n^{21} and n^{22} each represents 2 or more, V^{21} and V^{22} may be the same with or different from each other; L^{21} , L^{22} and L^{23} each represents a methine group; M^{21} represents a counter ion; and m^{21} represents a number of 0 or more necessary to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule;



wherein R^{23} and R^{24} each represents a substituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group, and at least one of R^{23} and R^{24} is substituted with $-SO_3H$ and the other is substituted with a dissociable group other than $-SO_3H$; X^{23} and X^{24} each represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, NR^{28} , $CR^{29}R^{30}$, or $L^{29}=L^{30}$; R^{28} , R^{29} and R^{30} each represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group; L^{29} and L^{30} each represents a methine group; Z^{21} represents a benzene ring or a naphthalene ring; Z^{22} represents a naphthalene ring; V^{23} and V^{24} each

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represents a substituent; n²³ and n²⁴ each represents an integer of 0 or more, and when n²³ and n²⁴ each represents 2 or more, V²³ and V²⁴ may be the same with or different from each other; L²⁴, L²⁵ and L²⁶ each represents a methine group; M²² represents a counter ion; and m²² represents a number of 0 or more necessary to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule.

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11 (amended). A silver halide photographic material which comprises a support having provided thereon at least one emulsion layer containing the silver halide photographic emulsion which contains at least two different sensitizing dyes represented by the following formula (I):



wherein Dye represents a dye moiety; A represents a linking group; Q represents a dissociable group; r represents 0 or 1; q represents an integer of 2 or more, provided that at least one Q represents -SO₃H and at least one Q represents a dissociable group other than -SO₃H; M represents a counter ion; and m represents a number of 0 or more necessary to neutralize the electric charge in the molecule, and when m represents 2 or more, M's need not be the same.